

Champion Runner Has Sounded Warning to Military Athletic Authorities

SHEPPARD IS OUT AFTER OFFICIALS OF ARMORY MEET

Great Runner Is Hot Under Collar Over Recent Treatment.

HAS SOUNDED HIS WARNING RATTLES

Will Make Unpleasant if Military Decision Is Not Reconsidered.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Melvin Sheppard, the "peerless one," has spoken. Or, rather, like the rattlesnake, he has given warning. It wouldn't take a very keen eyesight to see that the great runner is sore, hot under the collar, up in the air and a few other things about the way the military authorities have barred all armory doors against him, and won't let him play in their drill sheds any more.

Sheppard sounded his rattles pretty vigorously the other night, in fact, so loud that one could hear the noise all over Madison Square Garden. According to him, if the military authorities do not reconsider their decision against him, he intends to make it mighty unpleasant for some at present unnamed officers of the National Guard. He claims that the latest action on their part in closing the armory doors on him and refusing to allow him to display his athletic prowess is the last straw.

Tired Being "Goat."
"I have been the goat long enough," said Sheppard, "and now I'm going to make somebody else squirm. I could have avoided this latest humiliation had I not been assured by Johnny Tlesson that I would not get in a mixup with the authorities. I got into the Millrose meet. Of course, Tlesson was not as strong as he thought he was and could do nothing when they tarred me."

"I have fully decided," Sheppard continued, "that if the sports who have been hounding me do not reconsider their action within a reasonable time I will make a public declaration as to under just what conditions I joined the Twenty-second Regiment, and, while I was in favor there, just how much drilling and other military duties I was called upon to perform. I intend to disclose the names of the officers who made certain promises which induced me to join the outfit. I will also tell just how much dues I was supposed to pay before I got in 'Dutch' up there, and what they demanded of me afterward."

Was "Candy Kid."
"You know, I was the 'Candy Kid,'" he said, "until that occurrence down in Philadelphia, when I got in bad because I would not consent to run and by doing so missed the night before last after they kept the event waiting until it was too late. Since then they have all been taking a kick at me. But watch me," he added.

Sheppard, when he appeared at the court-martial, which resulted in him being discharged from the Twenty-second Regiment, claimed that his Government job as customs inspector caused him to work late on some of his drill nights, and that he considered the National Government before the State. However, the Twenty-second showed by producing the Government records that in many drill nights Sheppard was off from work early.

Real Name Is Bodie.
There is no truth in the statement that the right name of Frank L. ("Pink") Bodie is Pizze, that being the name of his stepfather.

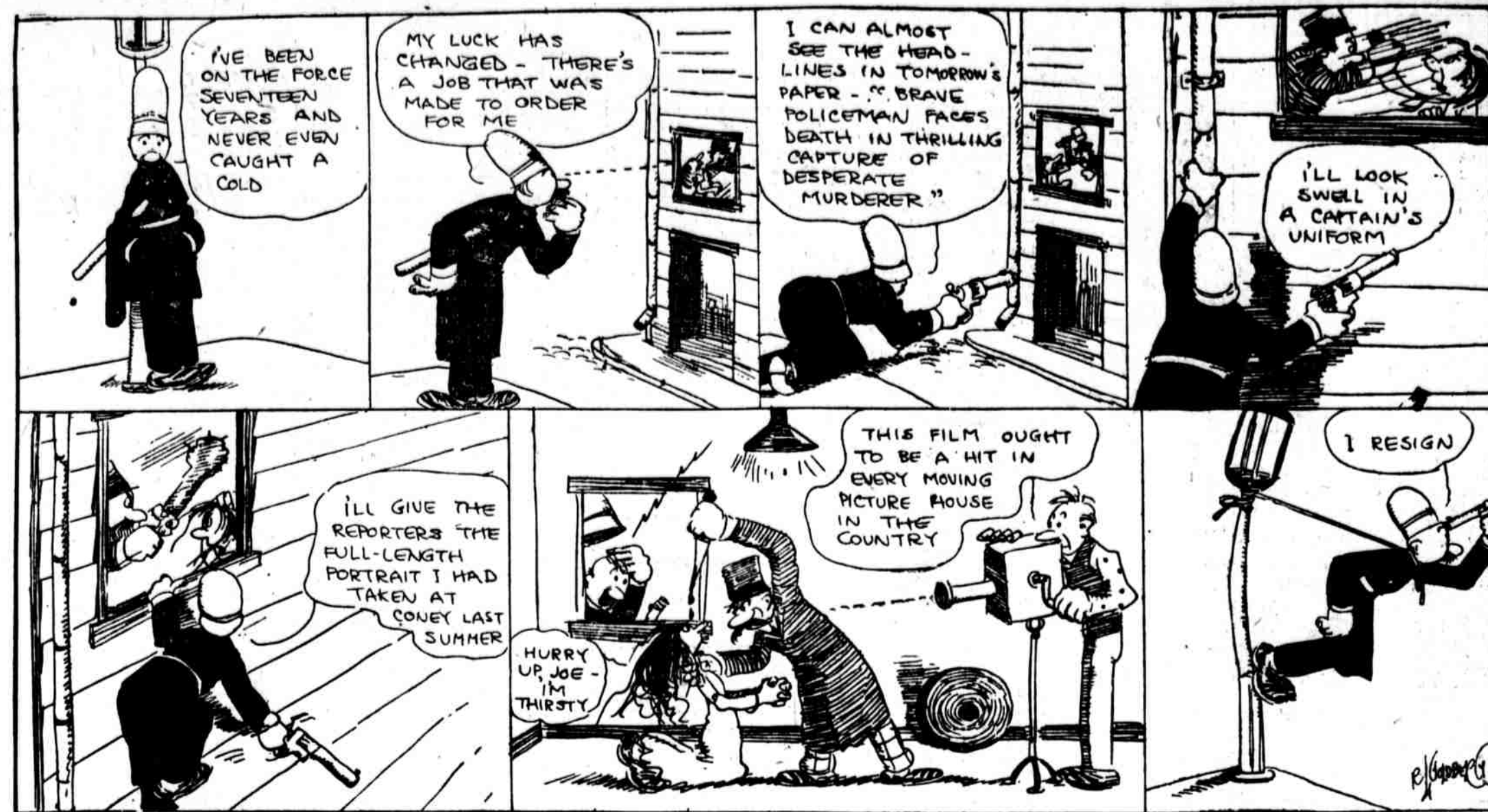
Bowling Matches On Local Alleys Taking Place This Evening

District League—Chamber of Commerce vs. Sauerbrund.
Colonial League—Knickerbockers vs. Virginians.
District Duckpin League—Royals vs. Toledos.
National Capital League—Fat Men vs. Palace.
Commercial League—Hahn & Co. vs. Evening Star.
Northeastern League—Eastern vs. Atlantics.
R. R. Y. M. C. A. League—Southern No. 2 vs. Railway Mail Clerks.
Carroll Connell League—Salvadores vs. Columbians.
Arcade League—Holmeads vs. Arcade Markets.
Westminster League—Reds vs. Greens; Blues vs. Whites.
Rural Mail Clerks' League—Deuces vs. Fours.
Navy Yard League—Secondary Mount vs. Erecting Shops.
Southern Railway League—Mechanical vs. Freight.
Remington League—Remiticos vs. Paragons.

Oh, No! a Policeman's Life Isn't As Easy As It Looks

Drawn for The Times

By Goldberg



BRADLEY GISH TO PARTICIPATE IN G. W. INDOOR MEET

Closing Date for Entries Extended Until February 3.

Bradley Gish, the Washington athlete who was prominent in the A. A. U. outdoor championships in Pittsburgh last year and who has been connected with the Irish-American Athletic Club and the Seattle Athletic Club at various periods, is the latest entry in the George Washington University indoor track games, which will be held in Convention Hall Saturday, February 10. Gish will be seen in the 60-yard dash and 60-yard hurdles.

McGraw's Jockey Friend Wanted a Turkey

As a story teller Harry Thurtill, trainer of the Tigers, ranks high. Here is one of his latest:
It used to be a habit with Manager John McGraw and his players to attend the theater every night, said Thurtill. And after the theater they always sought a quiet little restaurant. One night as they were going into the eating place they met a hungry-looking jockey, a jockey whom they all knew as a confirmed stutler. "Come on along, have something to eat," invited McGraw.
The jockey followed.
Once inside McGraw seated his guest in a place of honor, then called a waiter.
"What'll you have, Mr. McGraw?" "Oh, the same as I had last night." "And you, Mr. Shannon?" "A bird'll do." "A bird'll do?" "And you, Mr. Donlin?" "I guess I'll have a bird, too." "I guess I'll have a bird, too," supplemented McGraw.
"What kind of a bird, sir?" asked the waiter.
"A t-t-t-t, a t-t-t, a turkey," blurted the jockey.

Leading Billiardists To Play for Title

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—With an entry list which comprises seven of the leading amateur billiard players of this country, the national amateur 152 ball championship tournament opens tonight at the Hanover Club. In Brooklyn, and will continue through the greater part of the week. The seven contestants are Dr. Gumpel and Joseph Mayer, of Philadelphia; Charles Conklin and Percy Collins, of Chicago, and J. Ferdinand Fogarty, of New York. All of these competitors are of even skill, and while there are favorites, as is naturally the case, the end of the tournament and the winning of the championship is by no means a foregone conclusion.

Willis Won't Invest In New Organization

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 20.—Vic Willis, the former National League pitcher, in receipt of a letter from Harry J. Shine, of 63 North Fifteenth street, Philadelphia, who claims to hold the Quaker City franchise in the new United States League.

Twirler Robinson to Train With Arkansas University Players

J. Henry Robinson, the rookie twirler from Waco, Tex., drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates, will not train with the team, having obtained permission to work out with the Arkansas University players. He won twenty-eight and lost seven games in the Texas League in 1911, and is counted upon to show the goods.

PRINCETON TRACK SQUAD WILL ENTER GEORGETOWN MEET

Tigers Have Many of Last Year's Athletes Still With Them.

Manager Kingsley, of the Georgetown University track team, announced today that he had made arrangements with the athletic authorities at Princeton whereby the entire track squad of the Tigers would compete in the Georgetown indoor games on March 2. The team will come to Washington on March 1, under the care of Keene Fitzpatrick, the veteran coach and trainer, and Capt. H. M. Sawyer, of this year's track aggregation. According to all advice received from the New Jersey jungle, the Orange and Black will be represented by a team that could give a good account of itself in the track for the first time in the history of athletic relations between Princeton and Old El.

Many Veterans.
Although some eight or nine of last year's point winners were graduated in June, much veteran material remained at Princeton for a nucleus of 1912 troupe, and the track men of last year's freshman team are now eligible to represent the Tigers.

Manager Kingsley is endeavoring to have Yale run a two-mile relay with the Tigers again this year, but as yet has received no definite word from Haven about the matter.
Last year the Blue representatives won on the Nassau, in another celebration, the 400-yard event. It is in the quarter-mile that Sawyer performs most brilliantly. Last spring, in the dual meet with Yale, Sawyer captured the 400-yard event, and also finished second in the intercollegiate meet of last May.

Will Throw Hammer.
Eddie Hart, twice captain of the Princeton football team and last fall the unanimous choice of all sporting writers for a tackle position on the All-American eleven, is another celebrity that will be seen at Convention Hall on March 2. Hart, along with Bissell, is a weight man, and in these games the Tiger hopes of winning in the shot-puts. In the local games Hart will have to extend himself to the limit if he is to out-put Barrisello, Eller, and Lambert, of Georgetown team.

Other Princeton runners that will journey southward are Thomas and Harlan, in the dashes; Hall and Missley, in the 440 yards; McKinnay and Chaplin, in the 880 yards; Koehler, Don, Curtis, Howell, and Blischoff, in the distance events; and Dell and Smith, in the hurdles. In the field events the Orange and Black will have Simons and Dell, veterans of last season's team, in the high jump; Benton, Adams, and Andrews, the broad jump, and Speers, in the hammer-throw. Fluke, of last year's freshmen, is available this season, and is giving great promise of developing into a record-breaking pole vaulter. In recent practices he has been clearing 12 feet with great regularity.

WANTS AUTHENTIC STATEMENT FROM MEECE OFFICIALS

Meyers Trying to Learn Whether or Not He Holds Record.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Alvah T. Meyers, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, is trying today to learn positively whether he really holds the world's championship record for the 100-meter run. At the Loughlin Lyceum games Saturday, he was certified with a mark of 10 3/5 seconds, 1/5 of a second better than the previous mark.

How to Make Some of The Hardest Golf Shots

Possibly of all the shots that bother the average golfer, the one which is the most difficult to execute is the bunker shot. This is particularly true, whether the game be at stroke or medal play. A shot or two in the bunker during a stroke competition will ruin what would otherwise be a splendid score. In match play it means the loss of a hole and possibly the match.

Here is the stroke to use, as suggested by Walter J. Travis:
"The proper stroke when you are in a bunker is somewhat akin to a blow you take when you are chopping. It is as nearly perpendicular as you can make it. The essential part of the stroke is that when the club is brought straight down you must turn the wrists as soon as the club has gone beneath the surface of the sand. The club is turned almost at right angles to the face. Of course, you understand that the ball is never hit. The sand will carry the ball out. The stroke will take some practice, but once mastered it never fails. Be careful not to close the eyes in making the stroke. Many golfers have a tendency to shut the eyes for fear of getting sand in them. The result is that the shot is hopelessly ruined. Incidentally, golfers ought to spend more time practicing in bunkers. Everybody gets into them, and the reason that most golfers have trouble in getting out is that they find themselves obliged to make a stroke with which they are unfamiliar."

Golf Championships in France Begin July 1

The open golf championship of France will be held at La Bouille, Versailles, on July 1 and 2. The present champion is Arnaud Massy. The amateur championship will be held over the same course and opens on the fourth of July and continues for two more days. Chick Evans is the amateur champion of France.

The open championship of Great Britain will be held at Muirfield on June 21, 22, 23 and 24. The champion proper will begin on June 24. The present champion is Harry Vardon. The chances are that Jack McDermott, the first native born American to win the American title, will compete in this event, and the golfers at Philadelphia having raised a purse to pay his expenses there. With him will go several other professional cracker from this country. The open tournament here will be held after the British event in the hope that some of the big British cracker may be induced to enter the event here.

Vincent Campbell Is Considering Offer to Quit Diamond Sport

Pittsburgh may lose the services of Vincent Campbell, its speed merchant on the paths, and the lad expected to make a strong battle to hold down the first corner this season. He has been tendered a position with a big brokerage house in the Smoky City, and is considering retiring from the diamond.

FORD IS NOW ONLY AMERICAN ENTRY IN FRENCH RACE

Other Cars Made in United States May Register Later.

By HARRY WARD.
America has one entry in the French grand prize automobile race. It is a little Ford, and it has a hard grind mapped out for it.
While only one American-made machine has been entered to date, it is expected one or two other machines from this country will be entered within the next three weeks. In addition to the American entry, one of the most famous drivers this country has ever produced will participate in the classic event. He is David Bruce-Brown, the young millionaire sportsman, of New York, who has signed a contract to pilot one of the Italian entries. Bruce-Brown won the last two Grand Prix races in this country, and is confident he will be able to annex the French classic when it is run in June.

The French Grand Prix event is unique by reason of the distance to be covered. It has been decided that the test shall comprise a distance of 1,200 miles, to be covered on two consecutive days, the cars to be placed in the garage under military guardship at the close of the first day, and only allowed to leave the garage at the start of the second day. It is considered by the racing board that the stamina of the cars only can be revealed by a long-distance test of this nature.

Final entries for the race will be received at the race office for a single day, from a full team of four cars until March 1. It is confidently expected several additional makers will come into the race before that date, making a total entry list of nearly sixty machines. The race probably will be run over the famous Dieppe course.

In the case of new makers or makers testing untried products, there may be something to learn from speed contests, but it is a matter of record that with comparatively few exceptions, none of the old-time manufacturers are competing in country and endurance runs, which supply ample evidence of the leadership of American motor cars. Except in the case where cars of abnormal horsepower are built, our American makers have proved that they can build just as fast motor cars as any manufacturer in the world. It is a fact, however, that many people dislike to buy cars that are famous in racing because of the thought that they may not be proper for use in touring and general utility, which, after all, is the real work of the modern vehicle of transportation.

"I will, therefore, advise that our national body abandon the government of speed contests, turning it over to any organization that will care for it, leaving the A. A. A. to continue its good work in connection with roads, legislation, foreign and American touring maps, guide books, and touring contests."

DALTON AND WEEMS IN WARM STRUGGLE FOR MIDDIE'S SWORD

Navy's Greatest Athletes Lead All Others for Honor.

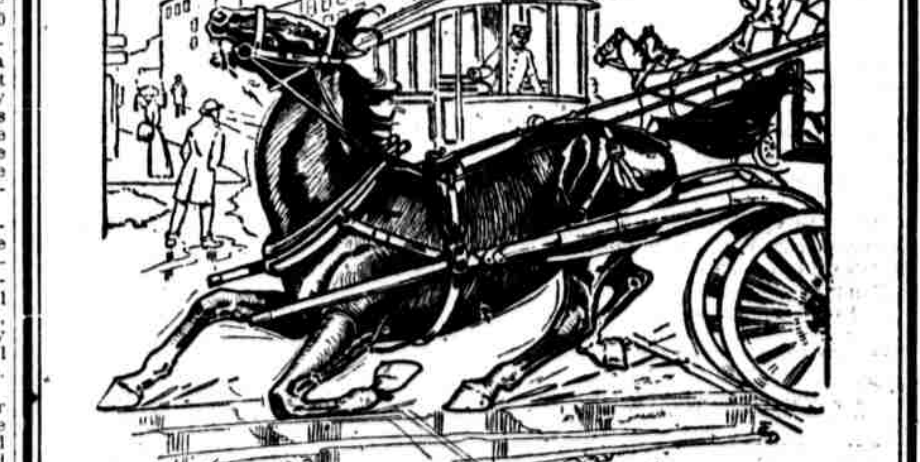
ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—The most highly prized honor of the year in athletics at the Naval Academy is the Middie's Sword, which is presented annually by the navy athletic association to the midshipman who is considered to have shown the greatest ability as an athlete during the year. The race is an interesting one this year between Philip Van H. Weems, one of the most remarkable general athletes who has ever attended the Academy, and John Patrick Dalton, captain of the football team and the hero of two successive victories over the Army eleven.

Should the committee of the association consider the number of sports in which notable work has been done as the main factor in the award, Weems will be an easy winner. Should it, however, consider a specially remarkable performance along one line as the essential there is no one who can rival Dalton, who has been the mainstay of the football team in ground gaining for years, and who by kicking field goals on both occasions practically won the Army-Navy games in 1910 and 1911. This performance is unrivaled in the history of sport at the Naval Academy.

Best Skaters to Be Taken on Big Tour

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Plans were perfected today for selecting a team of the fifteen speediest skaters in the United States and Canada to make a tour of the Canadian, Western, Middle States, New England and Eastern skating association districts. The teams will be selected in qualifying races.

PROTECT YOUR HORSE NOW



THE ROUGH AND READY ALUMINUM OVERSHOE WILL PREVENT THIS VERY ACCIDENT ON THE SLIPPERY STREETS.
(From Wash. Times, Jan. 20.)
HORSE LOSSES LIFE UNDER HEAVY TRUCK

The snowstorm today was responsible for the death of one horse, and also caused a number of minor traffic accidents. Falling on the slippery pavement in front of 929 New York avenue, a horse belonging to the Lincoln Laundry was run over by a heavy automobile truck of the Crane Company, plumbing supply dealers, and so badly injured it had to be killed.
Unable to get a footing in the snow, the horse fell so its head was directly in the path of the motor truck, driven by James J. Gordon.
The slippery pavement made it impossible for Gordon to stop the truck, the wheels passing over the horse. A crossing policeman hurried to the scene and shot the injured animal.

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BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

"Every Knock is a Boost."

Bankers to shift?
That suggestion of sending a Georgetown relay four to Boston next month sounds like a good one. It has been several years since a truly representative team has competed at the B. A. A. games, but this time, with the brightest sort of an outlook, Georgetown should fare well in the big games.

Sixty days more.
Yale has evidently made up its mind that this business of annual tie games with Harvard must be stopped, and in order to do everything possible to help next fall's eleven, winter football practice will be started today. Only rudimentary work will be attempted, but the candidates will be expected to report at the field every day.

Get together, Maryland!
Mike Macdonald has once more assumed the managerial toga at the American Security and Trust, and is planning for the coming season in baseball. The Bankers made a clean sweep last season, and a new manager is a believer in the idea that a move in time often saves a nine.

Mike Kahon, chief scout.
The release of Sam Leever by the Minneapolis club, of the American Association, marks the passing of one of the greatest pitchers in the game a few years ago. Chittillon has followed a system of surrounding himself with veterans, and if Leever could not make good with the Millers, he is likely to find it rough sledding until he gets far down in the lower class of minors.

Now comes Dickinson.
Some estimate of the relative strength of college teams in the South Atlantic and the extreme South may be formed when the University of Georgia comes this way in April. Although Georgetown will not be met, Navy, Carolina and Virginia are on the list of the team from the Cracker State.

Yale is in earnest.
With the intercollegiate games scheduled for May 31 and June 1, this year, how can the Olympic committee expect any college stars to enter their trials on Memorial Day? Either a grievous error has been made, or the committee does not care for the best American athletes to represent this country in Sweden. While the athletic clubs have many good men, the colleges also have athletes who should be given chance.

Princeton will be welcome.
John M. Ward's scheme for reducing the size of the ball player's spike is meeting with approval everywhere. The present spike causes serious wounds when driven with great speed into a man's body, and any movement for the lessening of this danger deserves support. Something may be done on this question at the coming meeting of the big leagues.

Bowlers keeping it up.
Jimmy McAleer is surprising his friends in this city by his activities since he went to Boston. He engages in bowling matches, billiard tournaments and what not. He made the weekly boxing exhibitions, evidently enjoying everything in sight. Before he quits he's likely to find himself popular.

Business will play.
Mike Donlin, husband of Mabel Hite, and expert vaudeville, has been offered the highest salary of any National League outfielder, to use the words of President John M. Ward. When it is recalled that Mike Magee, Mike Mitchell, Frank Schulte, and Jimmy Schoeck are working in that league, one is compelled to pause and reflect on the rashness of these words.

Now, Roy Mackay!
The echoes of that suspension of Abe Attell, featherweight boxing champion, are still rolling on and bid fair to prove of great benefit to the game as a whole everywhere. Attell has worked in "stalls" before this latest, but no one was in authority to suspend him. Be frightened is Attell that he is considering retiring.